

**REMARKS**

Amendments herein wholly incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 2 into independent claim 1, and cancel claim 2. As the Office Action identifies claim 2 as containing allowable subject matter, claim 1 and its remaining dependents now stand in condition for immediate allowance. Additional amendments herein correct claim dependencies as needed, to reflect the cancellation of claim 2.

Similarly, amendments herein wholly incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 12 into independent claim 11, and cancel claim 12. As the Office Action identifies claim 12 as containing allowable subject matter, claim 11 and its remaining dependents now stand in condition for immediate allowance. Additional amendments herein correct claim dependencies as needed, to reflect the cancellation of claim 12.

Finally, amendments herein wholly incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 29 into independent claim 28, and cancel claim 29. As the Office Action identifies claim 29 as containing allowable subject matter, claim 28 and its remaining dependents now stand in condition for immediate allowance. Additional amendments herein correct claim dependencies as needed, to reflect the cancellation of claim 29.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims pending after entry of the amendments presented herein stand in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants look forward to receiving notice as such from the Office, and respectfully ask that the undersigned be contacted by telephone should any issues remain unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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